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Provisional annotated agenda

1. Opening of the session

The Executive Board will hear the opening statement by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director.

Organizational and procedural matters

2. Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Executive Board for 2012

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2011/11 and rule 11 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board of UNICEF, the Board will elect a new Bureau consisting of a President and four Vice-Presidents. The President and Vice-Presidents of the Executive Board represent the regional groups of the United Nations Member States. In accordance with the rotation scheme established by the Executive Board in its decision 1992/7, the President for 2012 will be nominated from the among the Latin American and Caribbean States that are members of the Executive Board. The election will take place on 9 January 2012.

3. Adoption of the provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work

For action [E/ICEF/2012/1]

The provisional agenda has been drafted in consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board based on the 2012 programme of work adopted by the Executive Board at the second regular session of 2011. The Executive Board will adopt the agenda for the session, making any adjustments it considers necessary.

Programme and policy matters

4. Annual report to the Economic and Social Council

For action [E/2012/6-E/ICEF/2012/3]; for information [E/ICEF/2012/4]

This annual report complies with General Assembly resolution 62/208 of 19 December 2007 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, which called for greater harmonization and coordination, and with Executive Board decisions 1995/5, 2010/1 and 2011/1. The report provides information about the direction UNICEF is taking to work in closer partnership with other organizations of the United Nations system to ensure that development assistance produces sustainable results for children. Pursuant to UNICEF Executive Board decision 2010/1, the report contains recommendations to further improve the implementation of the triennial comprehensive policy review. The Executive Board may wish to take note of the report and transmit it, together with the comments made by the delegations at the present session, to the Economic and Social Council at its Substantive Session of 2012.

Under this agenda item, the Executive Board will also consider a report on recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit, which summarizes the UNICEF response to recommendations of relevance to the organization that are contained in

reports of the Unit issued during the period September 2010 through September 2011.

5. Road map towards the medium-term strategic plan for 2014-2017

For action [E/ICEF/2012/5]

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2011/12, a road map towards the medium-term strategic plan for 2014-2017, including the results-based management framework, is presented to the Executive Board for approval.

6. Oral report on UNICEF follow-up to recommendations and decisions of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board meetings

For discussion [E/ICEF/2012/CRP.4]

The Executive Board will hear an oral report on the implementation of the recommendations and decisions of the 27th and 28th Programme Coordinating Board meetings, held in December 2010 and June 2011. A brief background document is available on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

7. Harnessing knowledge to achieve results for children

For information [E/ICEF/2012/6]

This strategic framework is presented to the Executive Board pursuant to Executive Board decision 2011/3, which requested UNICEF to present for information a strategic integrated framework for research and knowledge management. The document also describes the organization's mechanisms for setting research priorities and concrete steps taken to improve knowledge management at headquarters and in the field.

8. UNICEF programme cooperation

(a) Approval of revised country and common country programme documents discussed at the second regular session of 2011

For action

At the second regular session of 2011, the Executive Board reviewed and discussed 14 draft country and common country programme documents (Algeria, Brazil, Cape Verde, Dominican Republic, Guyana and Suriname, Islamic Republic of Iran, Malawi, Mozambique, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Republic of Panama, Thailand, Viet Nam and Yemen). The comments made were shared with the respective country offices and the draft country and common country programme documents revised as appropriate. The revised documents were posted on the UNICEF Executive Board website no later than six weeks after the session. The Executive Board will approve the country and common country programmes on a no-objection basis unless at least five members of the Executive Board have informed the secretariat in writing that they wish to bring a particular country or common country programme to the Executive Board for further discussion.

(b) Draft country programme documents

For action [E/ICEF/2012/P/L.1 and E/ICEF/2012/P/L.2]

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2011/16, on an exceptional basis, the draft country programme document for South Sudan will be reviewed and considered for approval at the first regular session of 2012. The draft country programme document for South Sudan will be discussed at an informal consultation of the Executive Board, which will take place prior to the first regular session. In addition, the Executive Board will consider the draft short-term country programme document for Libya, which is presented to the Executive Board for discussion and approval, including the approval of the aggregate totals of estimated regular and other resources in the programme budget.

(c) Extensions of ongoing country programmes

For action [E/ICEF/2012/P/L.3]

Further to Executive Board decision 2009/11, the Executive Board will be requested to take note of the one-year extension of the ongoing country programme of Eritrea.

Resource, financial and budgetary matters

9. Private fundraising: 2012 workplan and proposed budget

For action [E/ICEF/2012/AB/L.1]

The report covers the workplan and proposed budget for 2012 for private fundraising activities. The document includes draft decisions submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

10. Oral briefing on challenges and progress in addressing the issue of high vacancy rates

For information [E/ICEF/2012/CRP.5]

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2011/4, the Executive Board will hear a briefing on challenges faced and progress made in addressing the issue of high vacancy rates for UNICEF posts.

11. Pledging event

As part of the UNICEF resource mobilization strategy (Executive Board decision 1999/8), during the pledging event, which is held at the first regular session each year, Governments in a position to do so will announce their voluntary contributions to UNICEF regular resources for 2012, together with firm or indicative commitments for future years.

12. Oral update on the implementation of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS)

For discussion

The Executive Board will receive an oral update on the progress in the implementation of IPSAS in accordance with Executive Board decisions 2009/7 and 2011/24.

Other matters and closing of the session

13. Other matters

14. Adoption of draft decisions

15. Closing statements by the Executive Director and the President of the Executive Board

Provisional timetable and organization of work for the 2012 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board 7-10 February 2012[1]

Monday 9 January	a.m.	Item 2	Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Executive Board for 2012
Tuesday 7 February	a.m. 10:00- 1:00	Item 1 Item 3 Item 4	Opening of the session Opening statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director Adoption of the provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work Annual report to the Economic and Social Council
	p.m. 3:00- 5:00	Item 6	Oral report on UNICEF follow-up to recommendations and decisions of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board meetings
			Thematic discussion on results and lessons learned in the medium-term strategic plan focus area 3: HIV/AIDS and children
Wednesday 8 February	a.m. 10:00- 1:00	Item 5 Item 9	Road map towards the medium term-strategic plan for 2014-2017 Private fundraising: 2012 workplan and proposed budget
	p.m. 3:00- 5:00	Item 8	UNICEF programme cooperation (a) Approval of revised country and common country programme documents discussed at the second regular session of 2011 (b) Draft country programme documents (c) Extensions of ongoing country programmes
Thursday 9 February	a.m. 10:00- 1:00	Item 11	Pledging event
			Thematic discussion on the global evaluation of Education in Emergencies and Post-Crisis Transition Programme

[1] When consideration of an agenda item concludes ahead of the alloca ed time, the next item will be taken up for consideration and the timetable adjusted accordingly.

	p.m. 3:00- 5:00	Item 7 Item 10	Harnessing knowledge to achieve results for children Oral briefing on challenges and progress in addressing the issue of high vacancy rates
Friday 10 February	a.m. 10:00- 1:00	Item 12 Item 13	Oral update on the implementation of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards Other matters
	p.m. 3:00- 5:00	Item 14 Item 15	Adoption of draft decisions Closing of the session